

# Problem-Solving Courts Committee Education Subcommittee Meeting

January 18, 2008 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Conference call

### I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Members present included Judge Conn, Judge Witte, Don Travis and Paul Southwick. Others present included Mary Kay Hudson and Jamie Bergacs.

### II. Annual PSC conference planning

#### Dates

The conference will remain the first week of October for 2008. The subcommittee is considering beginning the conference on Wednesday afternoon and concluding the conference on Friday at noon. Dates for 2009 are open, further discussion to follow when additional subcommittee members are available.

### Location

The preferred conference location is Keystone at the Crossing. However, the subcommittee has no objection to the conference being held in downtown Indianapolis if there is limited availability at Keystone at the Crossing facilities.

#### Tracks

In 2007, the format of the workshop changed from focusing on drug courts to all problem-solving courts. Members agreed that all problem-solving courts should continue to be the focus of the workshop in keeping with the mission statement and principles of the Problem-Solving Courts Committee. Members discussed the option of having tracks to try to meet the needs of as many people as possible working within the problem solving court arena. Due to the concern of overlapping issues, members decided that tracks by role may be more beneficial to attendees than tracks dedicated to the various problem-solving court models. Members identified the following workshop tracks:

- Legal Issues (Judges and attorneys)
- Community Supervision (Case Managers, Probation)
- Treatment
- Program Management (Administrators, Coordinators)
- Basic Problems Solving Principals (New staff, those wanting to start a PSC)

The subcommittee has asked that Mary Kay Hudson and Jamie Bergacs send out a survey to the courts regarding ideas on training topics based on their needs. It was also suggested that they indicate the level of training needed, such as basic, intermediate or advanced.

During the next meeting, members will determine the format and length of the workshop sessions based upon the training topics identified through the survey.

## o Faculty recommendations

No faculty recommendations were made at this meeting.

### III. Skill building training discussion and planning

This discussion tabled until additional members are available.

## IV. Schedule next meeting dates

Mary Kay Hudson and Jamie Bergacs to send subcommittee members options for next meeting, which will take place via conference call.

### V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.